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## ALMA'S POOR TO BE CARED FOR CHRISTMAS

VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TAK-  
ING STEPS TO SEE THAT  
ALL ENJOY THE DAY.

### Toys Will Greet The Poor Kiddies

Elaborate plans are under way by the various organizations of this city to make certain that the poor of Alma shall not be forgotten Christmas, but that instead they shall be made to feel the Yuletide spirit, which should pervade all mankind at this season of the year.

Alma unfortunately has her poor this year, possibly in greater proportion than in the average year, various conditions having actuated in producing this condition this year.

Alma's Christmas cheer and gladness will be spread among these people, however, and they will be made to feel the full joy of Christmastide, to come to a full realization that a thankful people realize that the true Christmas spirit comes in the joy of giving and doing for others.

The Alma Welfare Association, the Salvation Army, the various church organizations, the Masonic fraternity and other fraternal organizations have been preparing for some little time to aid various families in the city and to see that they share in the Christmas bounty.

Some hundreds of well filled baskets are being prepared for the home-where the Christmas dinner might otherwise be missing. Clothing and other needful things find their way into homes where they are needed.

Even the pleasure of the little tot in these homes will not be overlooked this year, thanks to the efforts of the manual training department of the Alma Public Schools. During the past month the pupils, taking the manual training course, at the suggestion of the instructor, have been making wooden toys for the children of Alma who may need them to gladden the dull moments. They have completed approximately 225 such toys. Among them are small wagons, animals of various kinds and colors, some mounted on wheels, and birds there are that will tickle up their feet and perform all kinds of stunts, except to warble and fly. These are to be distributed in the proper places through the Alma Welfare Association and the Salvation Army.

Certain it is that with such efforts being put forth all Alma will know the true spirit of Christmas.

## WARN CHILDREN OF BAD HABIT

OFFICIALS POINT OUT DANGER  
OF ACCIDENTS FROM HOP-  
PING TRUCKS AND BOMBS.

Several near accidents from youngsters of the city endeavoring to catch rides on trucks and automobiles, which have come to the attention of local police officials, have prompted Chief James R. Campbell to issue a warning against this habit on the part of the youngsters, as some serious accidents are more than possible if the habit is continued, as it is one that is usually prompted by carelessness, and in some instances indicates that some of the youngsters are more or less reckless in their attempts to catch rides.

It is pointed out that the traffic on the streets is usually heavy, and with automobiles parked on each side of the streets, and two streams of traffic in addition, it will take little carelessness on the part of a youngster in attempting to catch a ride, to find himself or herself the victim of an accident.

It frequently happens that the youngsters will lodge around approaching automobiles, in their attempts to catch a ride, and do so without having first looked to make certain that no vehicle is approaching from an opposite direction. On a number of occasions accidents have been averted from this cause very narrowly, and usually by the skill of the automobile driver.

The catching of rides applies also to the numerous youngsters of the city who have a hankering to fasten their sleds on moving vehicles and securing rides in this way.

These are dangerous habits and are certain to lead to accidents if they are continued. It might be well for parents to warn their children against their continuance.

### Frances Willard Union Meeting

The Frances Willard Union held its Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. E. C. Crandell on Woodworth Avenue, on Wednesday, December 14th. The response to roll call was a series of Bible verses, which, when all were given formed the story of the Christ Child's birth. A number of pleasing Christmas thoughts were also given at this time. Mrs. Hudson contributed greatly to the pleasure of the program by singing a solo which was very sweetly rendered. A number of Christmas carols were sung, and a recitation by Mart Smith, Jr., was also much enjoyed. Another pleasing number was a song, "I think when I hear that sweet story of old," which was charmingly sung by little Ann Dougherty. After this Mrs. Page gave a very interesting talk on Christmas, and Anna Angel told a Christmas story for the children. A beautiful tree occupied the center of the library and after the program Santa Claus appeared, jolly and happy as ever, with his great basket of candies, which he tossed among the guests. With Santa's able assistance the gifts were exchanged, and an abundant supply of candy and popcorn balls were enjoyed to the utmost. The whole afternoon was indeed a delightful and happy one, and the Union is greatly indebted to Mrs. Crandell for her hospitality and entertainment.

### MT. PLEASANT MEN SPEAKERS AT LUNCHEON

NEEDS OF SUCCESSFUL CHAM-  
BER OF COMMERCE TOLD AT  
LUNCHEON YESTERDAY.

### Active Co-Operation Is the Prime Need

Some of the real needs in making a Chamber of Commerce a success were given by Attorney Smetzer of Mt. Pleasant at the Alma Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the city hall Wednesday noon, and they were further emphasized by Secretary Cameron of the Mt. Pleasant organization who gave a short address.

Immediately after the luncheon, which was handled in a fine manner by C. A. Miller and Dr. Maynard Pringle, C. H. Goggin, as the toastmaster, spoke of the need that Gratiot County has for having a road proposition put up to the vote of the people by the supervisors, and he then introduced H. S. Babcock, who gave some rather startling figures as to the comparison of state road in Gratiot county with other counties of the state.

Attorney Smetzer, speaking on the "Problems of a Chamber of Commerce" spoke of the first and most vital thing that a chamber of commerce needed to be successful, complete understanding and co-operation among its membership.

He told of the efforts to organize the Chamber of Commerce in Mt. Pleasant, and some of the real things that have been accomplished by that organization.

In bringing his address to a close he said that if active co-operation could not be secured, such an organization might as well disband.

Mr. Cameron, the final speaker, called attention to the old idea of a Chamber of Commerce, as an instrument used simply to bring new industries to a community, and then brought out the present ideas of such an organization, the making of an attractive city through the study and solution of its problems, which will make a community attractive to industry.

He also spoke of the possibilities of a closer co-operation between Mt. Pleasant and Alma for the betterment of both cities.

### College Five Beats Bay City

Couch Roy Campbell's Alma College basketball team put over its second court victory of the season last night, beating the strong Bay City Industrial five on its own floor by a score of 25 to 15, completely outplaying the star five at every stage of the game on both defense and offense.

The Industrials, who have three men left of the great team of last year, which won every game that they played including victories over M. A. C. and other strong quintets, were unable to solve the offense of Campbell's five, or to cope with the speed that was shown by the forwards, Kirker and Carty.

## Old, Yet Always New



Now, after many patient weeks,  
The kiddies have their tree:  
They scamper out of bed in haste  
And romp down-stairs in glee!

A WONDER comes into their eyes  
As hand in hand they gaze,  
To try to understand old Kris  
And his mysterious ways.

### Wynne Beaten Up By Five Men

What seems to have been the culmination of a neighborhood row took place at the farm home of Tom Wynne, three miles south of the Elwell corners, last Friday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, Wynne being injured to such an extent that he was brought to an Alma hospital for treatment in a serious condition. He is, however, expected to recover.

It is said that during the afternoon five farm neighbors went to the Wynne farm and after a short wordy argument Wynne was badly beaten up by the men.

Various reports are current as to the reason for the visitation of the five to the Wynne home and the attack on Wynne, and it is understood that they are being gone into by officers in the effort to determine the true cause of the trouble.

### GET BIG STILL ON COUNTY LINE

BOOZE MAKERS HAD 70 GAL-  
LONS OF MASH AND SOME  
BOOZE WHEN TAKEN.

County and city officials co-operated Monday evening in raiding a still on the farm of Arlie Conley on the county line north of this city, seizing the still, two gallons of home brew and 70 gallons of mash, which indicates that the owners of the still were ready for a big business.

Tyrell Tedlack and Joe Smolek, both foreigners, were arrested for making the booze. They are now in the county jail at Ithaca.

### Move Coryell Electric Shop

The management of the Coryell Electric Shop, formerly the Barker-Fowler company, which has been located on South Woodworth Avenue for the past five years, has secured the store at the northeast corner of Superior and Woodworth and is being moved to that location this week.

Mr. Coryell started moving his stock to the new location yesterday, but he expects that it will take the balance of the week to get the stock completely moved, and located in the new place, so it will probably be Monday before the new place is in good shape for business.

The new store has been in the hands of the decorators for the past few days and the interior has been undergoing a big change for the better.

### Xmas Stocks Still Offer Big Variety

Although there has been considerable early Christmas buying in Alma this year, the stores of the city still have a big array of Christmas goods left for prospective purchasers who have not been fortunate enough to get their buying done early.

Most of the stores of the city have been fortunate this year in securing substantial concessions from their wholesale houses, which has given them an opportunity to display the finest lot of good Christmas gifts at prices which are within the reach of all.

A visit to practically any of the stores will reveal a fine array of goods still on the shelves allowing a wide range from which to select that present for the person you have in mind. It will not be as difficult as in former years to make that late selection of high class Christmas goods.

With a great deal of early buying done, the clerks are not being overworked these last few days as has been the case in some years past, and one will find plenty of assistance in any of the stores in picking out suitable presents.

### FRANKLIN MADE GOOD PLEA FOR JEWISH RELIEF

DETROIT RABBI SPEAKER AT A  
MASS MEETING WHICH  
OPENS DRIVE.

### Berman Hopes to Reach the Goal

The drive for funds for the Jewish Relief work in the Ukraine was put under way in Gratiot county at a meeting held here last week Wednesday evening, although the actual solicitation of funds for this great work was not put in progress until the following day.

The meeting was held in the Alma high school auditorium and was attended by a large number of Alma people, who were desirous of hearing Rabbi Franklin of Detroit.

In his address Rabbi Franklin brought out that this section of Europe had been assigned the Jewish Relief and that all starving people in that part of the country, regardless of their religion would be given aid. He said that it was not a time to stop and consider matters of religion when people are starving by the thousands, but rather a time for prompt action that the lives of as many of these starving people as possible might be saved.

He made a strong point of the time of the year that the drive is being carried out when the spirit of Christmas is giving its powerful aid to the cause that the world suffers are looking to America for aid because of the high ideals that the American Nation has held.

On Thursday the drive was put under way by E. B. Berman, county chairman, who stated yesterday that good results have been achieved so far in the work.

There is still a great deal of solicitation to do before the drive closes with the end of the year, however, but Chairman Berman is confident that the people of Gratiot County will respond in their accustomed manner and put the drive over.

### New Heating Plant At Strand Theatre

The installation of a complete new vapor system heating plant in the Strand theatre has been completed within the past twenty-four hours, and it is the expectation of Manager Miller that the past difficulties which have been experienced in heating the large theater with two furnaces will be done away with.

When the theatre was erected a year ago it had been expected that the two furnaces, one at each end of the building would furnish sufficient heat for the structure, but some unexpected difficulties in securing heat circulation seemed to hinder the heating facilities and this decided the management to install the vapor system of heating with the expectation that a complete circulation of the heat would be secured and the entire building heated with every degree of comfort.

Christmas is coming. You should place your orders early for any specials you might need or desire. Remember the Model Bakery is fully equipped to turn out any class of special bakery goods for any occasion on reasonable notice.—advertisement

## LEGIONAIRES TO HOLD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

EXERCISES FOR CHILDREN OF  
ALMA WILL BE HELD EARLY  
SATURDAY EVENING.

### Christmas Carols Will Be Feature

Saturday evening the second annual Community Christmas tree planned by the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, of this city, will be held at the corner of State and Superior streets, the large tree for this purpose having been erected Tuesday and in the hands of the "decorators" since that time.

The tree is a large one and with the decorations and colored Christmas lights promises to be a beautiful affair. It is slightly smaller than the tree that was used last year, but will be better decorated, and as a result, probably a more beautiful sight.

The Christmas exercises for the children of the city will be held at 8:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon and all children of the city are invited to attend. Christmas carols by the school children will be one of the features of the Christmas tree.

Following the custom of last year there will be Christmas presents to the children, bags of candy that will aid in furnishing a cheerful remembrance of an evening cheerfully spent as a result of the endeavors of the local post of the American Legion.

The George W. Myers Post of the American Legion has been assisted in its efforts by the Women's Auxiliary and by other organizations in the city in the effort to make the Community Christmas tree a big success.

It is the plan of the Legion Post to keep the tree in place during the holiday week, and each evening with "sundown" the tree will give off the soft glow of the colored lights.

## AN OLD PIONEER DIED EARLY TODAY

MRS. E. W. ELLISON, RESIDENT  
OF ALMA FOR YEARS, DIED  
IN BOSTON.

A telegram was received at 8:30 this morning announcing the death of Mrs. E. W. Ellison of this city, at the Christian Science Hospital, Chestnut Hill, Boston.

Mrs. Ellison was one of the early pioneers of this city, and had a wide circle of friends here, who will greatly regret the loss that they sustain in her death.

Lawrence Ellison, a son, left this morning for Boston, and will return with the body, which is expected to reach Alma Sunday.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

### Women to Have Own Farm Week Program

Michigan women will have a complete program of their own during Farmers Week at the Michigan Agricultural College this winter. Using the college woman's building as headquarters, housewives of the state will match interests with the men, holding conferences of their own, hearing famous women speakers, and inspecting especially prepared home economics exhibits.

More than 1,000 women registered during Farmers Week last year, and the college authorities are making plans to take care of an even larger crowd during this winter's conference dates, January 30 to February 3.

women's work will address the general meetings of the "Housewives Leaders in home economics and Congress," as the women's end of Farmers Week is known. Dr. Caroline Hedger, a famous physician from Chicago; Mrs. Barbara Bartlett, head of public health nursing service at the University of Michigan; Martha Phillips, of the home service department, North American Dye Works, and others are among the speakers already listed.

Exhibits featuring special home problems are being planned by the M. A. C. Home Economics staff, special experiments in nutrition and clothing information will be available for study. Individual conferences with the various specialists will be scheduled. The woman's building and all equipment of the college home economics division are to be placed at the disposal of the hundreds of women visitors.